

Analgesics

Opioid analgesics and antagonist

- Steps in Treating Pain :-

- 1) eliminate the cause of pain ex: having surgery for appendicitis
- 2) Take drugs such as analgesics either central or peripheral acting.
- 3) ~~skin puncture~~ acupuncture.

Pain is :-

unpleasant sensation and emotional experience associated with potential tissue damage

Two components :-

1) Sensory \Rightarrow means somatic neurons.

2) emotional \Rightarrow means psychological.

Therefore if we have 2 patient complaining of the same ^{intense} pain & we gave them drugs but the Response respond was different.

The first respond \Rightarrow Relieve of pain

the second respond \Rightarrow no Release of pain because the drug only affect the sensory component.

Types of Pain according to the type of receptors:-

- 1) Nociceptor pain \Rightarrow due to stimulation of pain receptors which called nociceptors which through the afferent nerve transmit the signals to the CNS.

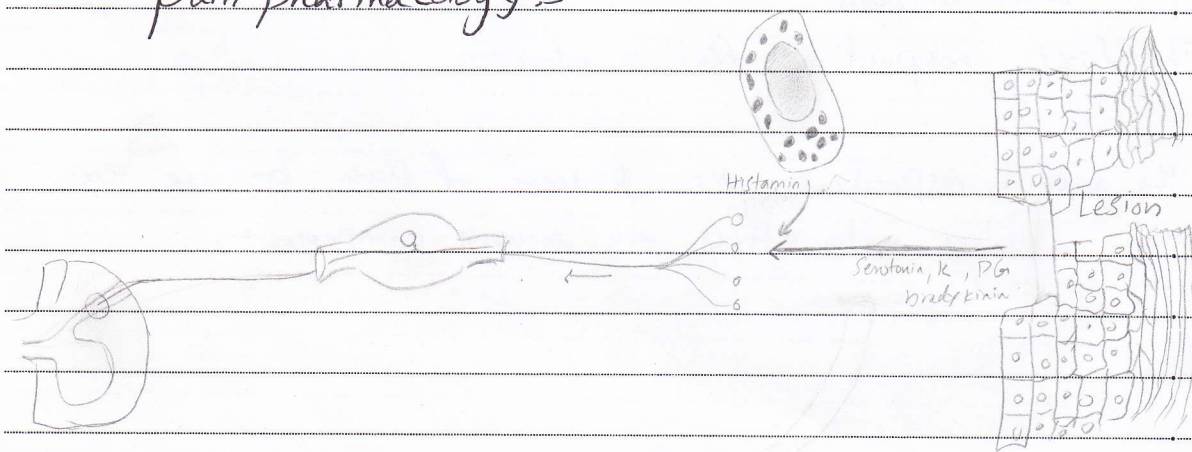
Nociceptor pain treated with opoid or NSAID.

- 2) Neurological pain \Rightarrow no activation of receptors. but due to damage of the neurons ^{CNS/PNS} "soma, axon" leading to diffuse neuropathy. change in connection & sensitivity

Treated with :-

- 1) antiepileptic drgs
- 2) anti depressant drugs
- 3) clonidine " α_2 agonist "

Pain pharmacology :-



- Pain is mainly associated with tissue damage.
- Tissue damage means there is release of its content such as prostaglandins, K^+ , serotonin, bradykinin acids. "All are called pain stimulus."
- They stimulate the pain receptors or nociceptors which ~~increase the input~~ induce the stimulation of the first neuron
- also stimulate COX (cyclooxygenase) which produce prostaglandin which increase the sensibility of the receptors.
- also activate mast cells which release histamine which induce pain & signs of inflammation such as redness.
- In the spinal cord the first neuron release neurotransmitters that ~~are~~ activate the second neuron which lead to increase the input into the thalamus where pain perception occur.
- Then you feel pain which is Mild.
- if severe pain this \Rightarrow activate antinociceptive pathway which release enkephalins, endorphins which interactive in the receptors of first neuron $\{ \mu, \kappa, \delta \}$ activating these receptors leading to open K^+ channels & close Ca^{+2} channels \Rightarrow So decrease the release of neurotransmitters \Rightarrow Reduce the pain.

Morphine :-

- MOA :-

① absorbed \rightarrow act on morphine receptors \rightarrow open K^+ channels \rightarrow close Ca^{+2} channels \rightarrow \downarrow release of neurotransmitters \Rightarrow * Inhibit pain perception.

② activate endorphine, enkephaline \Rightarrow * activate antinociceptive pathway.

Analgesics :-

① opioid \Rightarrow act mainly on CNS "centrally acting".

② NSAID \Rightarrow act mainly by blocking COX "peripherally acting".

Note :-

Aspirin act central & peripheral "90% peripheral"

Morphine act central & peripheral "40% central"

So in general opioid & NSAID have central & peripheral action.

Opioids :-

- Drugs that relieve pain, produce sedation without loss of consciousness.

- They are \Rightarrow natural "opium", semi-synthetic or synthetic

- Central acting, mainly given post-operative to relieve pain.

- used to called narcotics but not any more.
- Classification of opioids \Rightarrow I recommend to look for Page 2 in p.p.

Classification :-

I Natural « opium alkaloid » :-

has more than 20 groups of drugs until now
there is only two groups known.

@ phenanthrene

100 g opium has :-

- analgesics. $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} - \text{Morphine } 10\% \text{ "10g"} \\ - \text{Codeine } 0.5\% \text{ "0.5g"} \\ - \text{Thebaine } 0.2\% \end{array} \right.$

- Morphine \rightarrow More side effect such as Tolerance, dependence, Respiratory depression \rightarrow can lead to arrest and death.
- Codeine \Rightarrow Mild analgesic & has less side effect + has anti-tussive effect « anti-cough »
So now morphine is changed into codeine.

Structurally Morphine has OH group while Codeine has « CH₃O » methyl group. "Codeine = ~~myth~~ methyl-morphine."
So in the body codeine is metabolised into Morphine & Produce dependence.

- So child taking Codien for cough may produce dependence. \rightarrow Linetascodien
- So it should be ~~used~~ used for 5-6 days to avoid the development of dependence.

(b) Benzyloisoguanine :- "Not analgesic" \square

- papaverine 1% \Rightarrow antispasmodic

Like drugs which block muscarinic receptors M_2, M_3 on GIT so reduce spasm. ex: - Atropin

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- Bescupan

- propantheline

Note \Rightarrow papaverine use other mechanism, it does not block muscarinic receptors.

Noscapine 60% \Rightarrow anti cough "dry cough"

[2] Semisynthetic :-

Strong opioid

change :-

Morphine \rightarrow hydromorphone

Codine \rightarrow hydrocodone

Morphine \rightarrow Diacetyl morphine "heroin"

- Morphine is Amphoter "50% lipid soluble, water ~~sol~~ soluble" so little amount pass through BBB. "limited penetration".
- Heroin is lipid ~~sol~~ soluble, 30 times stronger.

- Heroin is not used as analgesic due to its side effect but could be used in serious cases.
- Heroin is metabolized into Morphine.
- In the previous 2 group pt develop acute dependence in the first dose then after 3-4 doses become dependence.

[3] Synthetic :-

are less dependence

1 - Meperidine :-

- Rapid onset "immediate action"
- Short action → Short Respiratory system depression
- less dependence.
- Don't cause constipation.
- Toxicity ⇒ seizures, convulsions.

While Morphine :-

- long acting → long Respiratory depression if given during labour or caesarian may cause Respiratory depression in fetus
- dependence, tolerance.
- constipation
- Toxicity ⇒ hypotension, agitation, fever, chills.

Subject: _____

2- Methadone :-

- has withdrawal syndrome due to psychological and physical dependence.

- Differs from Morphine in that this withdrawal syndrome is mild, gradual of onset and slowly. "takes weeks"

- So it is used in treatment of addiction not intoxication.

intoxication has to be treated immediately.

- 100 mg ~~Morphine~~ ^{weeks} $\xrightarrow{\text{later}}$ 50 mg ^{weeks} $\xrightarrow{\text{later}}$ 10 mg ^{weeks} $\xrightarrow{\text{later}}$ Zero mg
Placebo & pt not showing withdrawal syndrome

3- Fentanyl.

anesthetic, analgesic

produce sleeping, relieve pain

More active \rightarrow used Transdermal to Relieve pain of MI, or other cardiac disease.

4- Tramadol

- less side effect

- inhibit the release of serotonin

- inhibit the reuptake of serotonin

leads to increase its analgesic effect

- pt develops dependence. but less than morphine

pt \Rightarrow patient.

* opioid Receptors :- μ , κ , δ , σ

- are found in the brain, spinal cord, mesenteric plexus.
- Block the release of neurotransmitters of any Neurons.

action of each receptors is in Page 3.

- miosis means the drug is still in the plasma.
- two actions are not tolerated \rightarrow ① miosis
② Constipation
- Centrally \rightarrow vagal stimulation $\xrightarrow[\text{Ach}]{\text{Release}}$ Bradycardia
- Peripherally \rightarrow inhibit acetylcholine = anticholinergic.

- μ Drugs acting on μ are strong opioid.
while those acting on κ are moderate opioids.

* Classification of opioid according to receptors:-
look page 3

- Antagonist \Rightarrow Drugs acting as for treatment of poisoning or intoxication with morphine. [Naloxone, Naltrexone]

- Drugs acting as treatment of addiction.

- partial agonist are 90% of activity is agonist, 10% antagonist. Should take care when used for release of severe constant pain as it may cause withdrawal syndrome due to its 10% antagonist action.

- pentazocine is contraindicated in MI because it cause increase in cardiac activity & work, although it can be used for treatment of severe pain.
- if morphine is not available don't use pentazocine in MI instead use Buprenorphine.
- Partial antagonist can be used for treatment of poisoning if Naloxone or Naltrexone are not available but take care of its agonist action as it can cause & worsen Respiratory depression.

* pharmacological action of opioid :-

It's action depend on the type of neuron

Types of neurons in the CNS are :-

- Excitatory neurons → release excitatory transmitter
- inhibitory neurons → release inhibitory transmitters

Ex:-

① Excitatory neurons releasing Aspartate that stimulate ACTH release

when μ Morphine act on opioid receptors "found on this neuron" it cause inhibit Aspartate

"Inhibition"

ject:

release so there is a reduce in ACTH release

- ② inhibitory neurons that release dopamine which control prolactin release "inhibit its release".

Stimulation

when Morphine act on ~~the~~ ^{its} receptor on inhibitory neurons it inhibit dopamine release so Increase prolactin release

- By this we conclude that Morphine act by inhibition or stimulation.

1] Central effect :-

- Analgesia "inhibition"
- Sedation, drowsiness
- euphoria "stimulation"
- Respiratory depression "inhibition"
- Depression of cough reflex "inhibition"
- Nausea & vomiting "stimulation of CTZ"
- miosis "inhibition of edinger nucleus of 3rd cranial nerve."
- Tolerance
- Dependence
- ↓ ACTH "Inhibition"
- ↑ prolactin. "Stimulation"
- in Dosing → No need for emetic drugs as it cause vomiting.

Notes:-

- morphine can't be used as Anticough in the clinic but we can use codeine for short time to avoid dependence.

- Contraindication of morphine is

① It can increase ICP so not given in Head injuries but may given in pain of bone fracture.

action :- it cause Respiratory depression
→ \uparrow CO_2 In Brain → vasodilation
→ edema → Increase ICP.

② when looking for signs of deterioration which is moister and vomiting so the use of morphine will make it difficult.

[2] CV effect:-

Morphine → Direct vasodilation of Both resistant and capacitant vessels.

Means :-

it shift the blood from pulmonary circulation to systemic circulation

This is good for pt with pulmonary edema due to LVF

Morphine can't be used for pulmonary edema with out heart disease. "Here it is contraindicated"

- Conclusion:-

pt suffering from severe pain and pul. edema of LHF
Because:-

Morphine can → vasodilation.

→ Shifts from pul. to systemic circulation.
relieve anxious anxious.

[3] GI - effect :-

1 - Constipation By → ↓ peristalsis → ↑ time of content → ↑ water reabsorption
stay in stomach GIT.
→ ↓ central attention for defecation reflex.

2 - biliary tract spasm → constriction, spasm of sphincter of oddi.
→ ↑ intra biliary ^{pressure} etc → So ① Morphine can't be used but for
treating biliary colic but can use Pethidine ((Short action))
② or use ^{anti-} spasmodic drugs which block the receptor
& prevent the spasm. then use morphine.

3 - Bronchospasm

4 - urinary retention → contraction of urinary sphincter.

5 - uterine spasm.

Ques:- morphine is used in severe constant pain not intermitten pain. The last can be treated with aspirine.

- In Severe Pain due to acute abdomen or burn Morphine can not be given.

Acute abdomen :-

First diagnosis should be done before Morphine administration which can relieve the pain while perforation occurs but marked by Aspinine

Burn -

- lead to toxicity if morphine is used.
- due to constriction of the physiological volume "loss of Plasma"

- First correct the Plasma Volume

- In this case when you give the first dose you add another one ~~so~~ so become concentrated in the plasma

Pharmacokinetics :-

- absorption from skin, GI tract, lung subcutaneous, intramuscular, intravenous route.
- Morphine Metabolize into active metabolite "analgesic"
" \Rightarrow Morphine 6-glucuronide "
- Pethidine is metabolised into Nor-meperidine which produce excitatory seizure

Therapeutic use :-

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terminal illness

- Severe Pain of cancer for example
- HT " vasodilation, ↓ cardiac work and
- internal bleeding } ?

Note page 5, 6 is very important to read

* Antitussive Drugs :- Look page 6

Codine, dextromethorphan, ~~levo-propoxyphene~~ levo-propoxyphene

when you combine reduce the dose.

etc

* Drug for neurological pain :-

Tricyclic antidepressant like amitriptyline

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* Antiepileptic drugs :-

carbamazepine, phenytoin, gabapentin, clonidine.

* Drug interaction :-

- Alcohol or barbiturate for example exhibit ~~intense~~ intense sedative effects.

- ↑ sedation and Toxicity when combined with diazepam.

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wish you all the best.